

THE COLEOPTERISTS SOCIETY

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

The 11th annual meeting of the Coleopterists Society was held November 29, 1978, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Houston, Texas. The meeting was chaired by President Woodruff who welcomed members and called the meeting to order, then informed the membership of the social hour to be held later in the evening.

1. *Officer's Reports.*

a. Secretary Gordon asked if the minutes of the last meeting should be read because the printed version was not yet available. Henry Howden moved that the minutes be approved as not read, seconded and approved. Gordon reported the election results as follows: Rupert Wenzel is the President-Elect; new council members are Ed Balsbaugh, John Kingsolver, and Al Newton.

b. Treasurer Erwin submitted the appended report which was audited by D. M. Anderson, R. E. White, and T. J. Spilman. Erwin pointed out that the Society showed disbursements over income for the first time; discussed membership growth as shown in graph form, subscription growth, loss of members, income and costs.

c. Editor Whitehead reported that the 1978 volume would total 376 pages, down from the 1977 total of 384 pages. He indicated that he would like to resign from the editorship. This request was put in the form of a motion which was seconded and approved. George Ball asked for an explanation as to why the editor wished to resign—editor explained that he spends too many hours a year on the job. Ball commented on the lack of recognition involved with editorial responsibility.

2. President Woodruff presented Don Whitehead and Terry Erwin with inscribed plates of covers of the Coleopterists Bulletin in recognition of their contributions to the Society.

3. President Woodruff discussed the business conducted at the previous executive committee meeting—editor's resignation, streamlining of the editorial process, and the fact that the committee gave carte blanche to the editor to streamline this process as he sees fit. Woodruff reminded the membership that we now need a new editor and asked for volunteers. Woodruff then brought up the treasurer's request for a dues increase made at the executive committee meeting. This being a motion that the dues be raised \$2.00 for both private and institutional members, increase to be effective in 1980. Motion seconded and approved. George Ball moved that the executive committee be authorized to approve an additional \$2.00 increase in 1980 if needed. Barry Valentine spoke at length against this motion. Ball spoke at length in favor of the motion and stated that one reason we are losing our editor is because of a tight purse. Erwin pointed out that the editor takes a lot of unpaid manuscripts on an irregular basis which causes fluctuation in income, but that we now know how to forecast these fluctuations and will know better whether we need additional income or not. The motion was seconded and approved with Valentine and O'Brien dissenting.

4. Ross Arnett reported on the North American Beetle Fauna project which he said was "alive and well".

5. John Kingsolver reported on the USDA Coleoptera catalog. The first fascicle on the Heteroceridae is out. Candy Feller is the editorial assistant for the catalog and Kingsolver hopes to have a Newsletter out by the end of the year with enclosed copies of all the fascicles published. He called for additional fascicles to be submitted and asked that the bibliographies be checked for accuracy.

6. Dave Kavanaugh reported that the third Wollaston collection from the Madeira and Canary Islands has been found in the CAS collection.

7. Newsletter editor O'Brien informed the membership that he is resigning and that Terry Erwin will be the new editor at least on an interim basis.

8. George Ball expressed displeasure with the executive committee because of the lack of a field trip and organized social hour after the business meeting. President

Woodruff explained that the business meeting had been rescheduled by ESA without notifying him, and was immediately followed on the program by the "Discussion of the ESA National Plan for Systematic Entomology". Since many of the coleopterists wanted to attend this, no speaker or formal social hour had been planned as at past meetings.

9. President Woodruff installed the new president, Horace Burke.
10. President Burke greeted the membership, and Barry Valentine asked for an acclamation from the membership for outgoing President Woodruff which was given.
11. President Burke asked for a motion to adjourn, motion was made, seconded, and approved.

—Robert Gordon
Secretary (1978)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NOVEMBER 25, 1977 TO NOVEMBER 29, 1978

(Auditing Committee: T. J. Spilman, R. E. White, D. M. Anderson)

Assets:

Balance from 1977 (November 25)	\$14,003.38
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Income:

Page charges, separates, postage on separates charged to authors	4,022.19
Membership Dues	4,872.80
Subscriptions	2,085.31
Back issues	106.50
Interest on savings and certificate at	
Northern Virginia Savings and Loan	636.70
Donations towards ESA/Coleopterist Hospitality night	75.00
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	\$11,798.50

Balance of credits	\$25,801.88
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Disbursements:

Bulletin production	
(September, December 1977, March, June 1978)	\$10,699.83
Addressograph service/envelopes	371.87
Separate handling/mailing	161.80
Second class mailing permit/Editor Kitty	75.00
ESA/Coleopterist Hospitality night	80.00
Services charges, Riggs Bank	3.54
ASC dues	25.00
Transpayment (member to ATB)	8.00
Refunds (Faxon, Bailey, Ebsco, Stechert-Macmillan)	126.00
Postage and supplies (Editor, Secretary, Treasurer)	316.78
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Balance of debits	\$11,867.82
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Disbursements over income	69.32
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Total assets carried into 1979	\$13,934.06
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Terry L. Erwin
Treasurer (1978)

COLEOPTERISTS SOCIETY**CONSTITUTION**

(Adopted Dec. 1, 1969)
(Amended 1974, 1976)

PREAMBLE

Herein, the masculine pronouns shall constitute the feminine and the neuter, the singular, the plural, and vice versa.

ARTICLE I—Name: The name of the organization shall be: Coleopterists Society.

ARTICLE II—Object and Operation: The object of the Society shall be the advancement of the science of Coleopterology in all its aspects of theory, principles, methodology, and practice, for both living and fossil beetles, with emphasis on areas of common interest to all coleopterists regardless of individual specialization. With this object in mind, the Society shall be organized and operated exclusively for scientific and educational purposes.

ARTICLE III—Membership: All persons interested in the objective of the Society shall be eligible for membership.

ARTICLE IV—Meetings: There shall be an annual business meeting open to all members.

ARTICLE V—Officers:

Section 1: The officers of the Society shall be the President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Managing Editor, and six member Council.

Section 2: Election: The officers shall be elected by a plurality of votes cast.

ARTICLE VI—Amending the Constitution:

Section 1: The Constitution or any part thereof may be amended, suspended or repealed by a two-thirds majority of those voting in a mail ballot, provided there is a two months notice of the proposed change.

Section 2: Any member in good standing may propose, in writing an amendment to the constitution to the Executive Committee. Such a proposal, if approved by a majority of the Executive Committee, shall be submitted with a recommendation to the members. A proposed change to the Constitution not recommended by the Executive Committee must be submitted to the members of the Society if five or more members resubmit it.

By-LAWS**MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1: Any person may become an active member upon application and payment of dues. Application for membership shall be made in writing to the secretary. Dues are payable upon noti-

- fication of acceptance of the application or they may accompany the application.
- Section 2: Institutions may not become members, but may subscribe to publications.
- Section 3: Membership dues shall be established by recommendation of the Executive Committee at the annual meeting and shall be ratified by a majority vote of the members attending the meeting. Dues shall be paid upon receipt of an annual bill.
- Section 4: All members in good standing have the right to vote.
- Section 5: Any member in good standing is eligible to hold office.
- Section 6: A member whose dues have not been paid within a reasonable period of time as determined by the Executive Committee will forfeit the privileges of membership. Such members may be reinstated upon payment of dues owed during the period of delinquency plus the current dues.

II. OFFICERS

- Section 1: The officers, the council and the editor of the Coleopterists Bulletin, shall serve as the Executive Committee. The immediate Past-President of the Society shall sit for one term as an ex-officio member of the Executive, and shall be entitled to vote.
- Section 2: Officers shall serve for one year or until their successors are elected. Council members shall serve for two-years, half of the members being elected on alternate years. The new Executive Committee shall take office at the completion of the annual meeting or will serve until their successors are elected.
- Section 3: The President shall preside at meetings of the Society and Executive Committee. He shall appoint all committees except elective committees as the need arises. The Executive Committee shall appoint all elective committees.
- Section 4: The President-Elect shall be elected by the membership from those members who by their coleopterological achievements are considered to be among the leaders in the study of Coleoptera. The President-Elect shall take office at the close of the annual meeting following his election and shall serve until the close of the second annual meeting following his election when he shall succeed to the presidency. He shall be a voting member of the Council, ex officio, during his term of office, and shall perform the duties of President during any period when the President is unable to fulfill the duties of that office.
- Section 5: The Secretary, or his delegate, shall keep minutes of the proceedings of all Society meetings, conduct official correspondence and keep membership records.
- Section 6: The Treasurer shall keep the financial records, issue bills, pay bills, maintain a bank account and report annually to the members. The account shall be subject to annual audit.
- Section 7a: The Society may in furtherance of its stated object, publish such journals, monographs, handbooks, or other publications as the Executive Committee may determine, within the needs and resources of the Society. A Managing Editor shall be elected according to the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws.
- Section 7b: The Journal of the Society shall be called "The Coleopterists Bulletin" and shall be conducted by a Managing Editor (directly responsible to the President and Council) and by

- any other editors that the Executive Committee may appoint. There shall be an Editorial Board, the members of which shall be appointed by the Managing Editor subject to approval by the Executive Committee for a term of three calendar years.
- Section 8a: Nominations for President-Elect and Councillors shall be made by a Nominating Committee composed of the immediate Past-President (or if he is unable to serve, the next most recent Past-President) and two other members in good standing, who are not members of the Council, appointed by the President. The Past-President shall be Chairman of the Committee. This Committee shall give due consideration to equitable representation of the geographical distribution of the membership of the Society and of their interests in various aspects of Coleopterology. Nominations shall be announced in the first issue of THE COLEOPTERISTS BULLETIN. Additional nominations may be made by members under certain conditions (See Section 8c)
- Section 8b: The Executive Committee shall nominate the Secretary, Treasurer, and Managing Editor. These nominees shall appear on the ballot and thereby be subject to membership approval.
- Section 8c: Additional nominations for offices, except in the case of Secretary, Treasurer, and Managing Editor which are offices not subject to additional nominations, may be made by proposals signed by not less than five members of the Society in good standing, provided that such nominations are received by the Secretary at least 30 days in advance of the mailing of ballots. Such nominations from the membership shall be appropriately identified on the ballot mailed to members.
- Section 8d: Election of officers and council members shall be by mail-in ballot. The ballots shall be counted by three members appointed by the President. Write-ins on ballots are not permitted. Nominees must state in writing to the Nominating Committee or Executive Committee, their willingness to serve if elected.
- Section 9: The President or President-Elect may not succeed himself in that office; a council member may be renominated but may not serve for more than two consecutive terms. The Secretary, Treasurer, and Managing Editor shall serve at the discretion of the Executive Committee or until submitting their respective resignations.
- Section 10: Fifty percent of the Executive Committee or their delegates represents a Quorum.

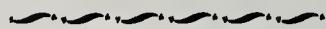
III. AMENDING THE BY-LAWS

- Section 1: By-laws may be adopted, amended, suspended or repealed by a two-thirds majority of those voting in a mail ballot, provided there is a two months notice of the proposed change.
- Section 2: Any member in good standing may propose, in writing, a new by-law to the Executive Committee. Such a proposed by-law, if approved by a majority of the Executive Committee, will be submitted with a recommendation to the members. A proposed by-law not recommended by the Executive Committee must be submitted to the members of the Society if five or more members re-submit it.

- IV. MEETINGS: Additional meetings may be called by the Executive Committee or by the request of 20 or more members.

V. TERMINATION OF THE SOCIETY: If, for any reason, the Coleopterists Society is terminated, the assets of the Society will be distributed to the 1) Society of Systematic Zoology, or 2) Entomological Society of America. However, if neither of the named recipients is then in existence, or if neither is then a qualified distributee, or if neither is willing or able to accept the distribution, then the assets of this organization shall be distributed to a fund, foundation, or corporation organized and operated exclusively for the purposes specified in section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

VI. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY: If not contrary to the Constitution or By-Laws, procedures to be followed in meetings of the Society shall be those established in "Roberts Rules of Order Revised", Seventy-fifth or later editions.



SLATE OF NOMINEES FOR OFFICE: COLEOPTERISTS SOCIETY, 1980

The nominating committee composed of George Ball, Bob Woodruff, and Bob Murray has selected the following list of candidates for Society office in 1980. Ballots will be sent to the membership in October, 1979.

President-Elect

Dr. J. M. Campbell, Entomology Research Institute, Canada Dept. of Agriculture, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0C6.

Dr. Frank N. Young, Dept. of Zoology, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana 47401.

Council (select any three)

Dr. Pedro Reyes Castillo, Hacienda Rancho Seco, Frac. Hacienda de Echegaray, Naucalpan, Edo. De Mexico.

Dr. Wayne Clark, Department of Zoology-Entomology, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama 36830.

Dr. Ginter Ekis, Department of Zoology and Entomology, Ohio State University, 1735 Neil Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43210.

Mrs. Ann Howden, Department of Biology, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada K1S 5B6.

Dr. Elbert Sleeper, Faculty of Entomology, California State University, Long Beach, California 90804.

Mr. James Wappes, 12110 Acorn Oak Street, The Woodlands, Texas 77380.